## Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification by inserting the paragraph below, after the title on page 1.

## Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application claims priority based on International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/012900, entitled "CHARGING DEVICE" by Shinya TAKAGI, Toshio MATSUSHIMA, Kazuo TSUKAMOTO, and Takuya SUDO, which claims priority of Japanese Application No. 2003-368952, filed on October 29, 2003, and which was not published in English.